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Hayes Homeownership Plan Offers Ray Of Hope For 206 Low Income Families

Another 288 Units In Affordable Rental Housing Possible Through NHA Section 8 Applications

Every day one reads about yet one more family burned out, or left homeless by a job loss, who because of limited finances cannot find a place to call home. Even some people who are working cannot afford what is available since rents are unrescuable.

Solutions are in order, and the new HOPE 1 Program of homeownership which New Community has applied to be part of appears to be on the right track.

The US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has a success story in neighboring Paterson, with the Hope 1 demonstration project at Brooks-Sloat public housing project in which 202 of the 242 apartments have been sold, and tenants are now telling the Paterson Housing Authority, managing agent, what they need and holding them accountable (N.Y. Times, Sunday, August 23, 1992). It's a wonderful change of pace and some residents still find it hard to believe.

Now this same opportunity presents itself in Newark with the decision of New Community Corporation (NCC) to seek to acquire two of the long vacant 12-story buildings in the Hayes

Home public housing complex with the intention of renovating them for low-income homeownership. With the grant, NCC would make \$28 million available for repairs and empowerment training activities at Hayes Homes to open it to homeownership. Half million would also be set aside for economic empowerment through job training.

In testimony before the Senate Appropriations Committee last year Secretary Jack Kemp addressed the idea of Homeownership and Opportunity for People Everywhere (HOPE) when he told committee members:

"We know that low-income people can become homeowners and property managers. We know that in dozens of communities around the country, empowered people have produced decent and safe housing in crime and drug free neighborhoods full of jobs and opportunity. People are discovering the ability, talent and potential to take greater responsibility for their own lives and actions."

Help to individual families would come from planning and implementation grants which would help people accomplish purchase and management of their homes. As a result, the



An artist's rendering of the proposed Hayes Homes renovations.

new owners would have greater control over their homes and their neighborhoods while at the same time the supply of decent housing would be increased and pride in self-sufficiency for the families would be developed.

The recent application to HUD by the Newark Housing Authority (NHA) for 288 Section 8 rent subsidy certificates allowed by the HOPE pro-

gram when added to the 206 units proposed by NCC would increase the affordable housing supply by 494 homes — what a blessing!

It would seem that in a time of such desperate need for so many, the HOPE 1 Program shines through the dark clouds with just that — a ray of HOPE.

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They've Retired!!!



Dr. and Mrs. Paul Kearney
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Teen Mothers Get Help From Babyland And Catholic Charities

The reality of life in Newark is that children as young as 12 have babies; another reality is that these children are unprepared for motherhood. What often follows is a life of welfare dependency, child abuse and neglect.

Babyland Nursery, Inc. has teamed with Catholic Charities USA, the nation's largest, private human services organization in a three year \$1 million pilot program aimed at severing the cycle of teen pregnancy and the devastating side effects which sometimes occur. The program is scheduled to begin this fall.

Called "Children of Children," the program will combine child care, social casework and training for young mothers ages 12-16. It will attempt to involve the baby's grandparents and father as well to understand the relationships involved, said Mary Smith, Executive Director of Babyland.

Teenagers in Newark, Lansing, MI, and Albuquerque, NM, will participate in the program. The 20 participants involved in the Newark program will be chosen from referrals from the Newark Board of Education, social service agencies and the welfare department. The young mother must be enrolled in a school or training program and take an active role in both her child's upbringing and her own

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NCC Teen Learn And Earn Program

Tarah Austin never thought she would be working as a clerical aide for NCC; Shakera Curtis never dreamed she would be putting the finishing touches on donuts at Dunkin' Donuts; and Leslie Butts never expected to enter into the exciting world of finance so soon — but thanks to a grant from the Prudential Foundation, and a generous donation of NCC resources, these and many other youths were

able to experience hands on training this summer.

The Teen Learn and Earn Program was developed by NCC to give low income Newark teenagers the opportunity to be employed in over 35 employment areas, to participate in weekly, three-hour, computer literacy classes, and to go on weekly culturally enriching or recreational field trips.

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Local teens meet with Florence Williams, New Community's Director of Human services, to discuss expectations and goals.

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Chaplain Interns Minister At Extended Care



Fr. Chris Anyanwu and Pastor Jim George make their rounds at the NC Extended Care Facility, to the delight of all the residents.

Contributions To New Community Corporation

If you would like to make a memorial gift or donation to New Community it would be most welcome.

People who would like to give to New Community but don't wish to give up the earning power at the present time can assign a contribution now, but defer payment until sometime in the future.

If you would like more information, please contact Lynn Mertz at Fund Development, (201) 482-0682.

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From June to August, the New Community Extended Care Facility's pastoral care for the residents was enhanced with the presence of two chaplain interns from the summer C.P.E. (Clinical Pastoral Education) Program at University Hospital, Newark.

Fr. Chris Anyanwu came to the U.S. in 1988 from the Imo State in Nigeria. He is a diocesan priest of the Newark Archdiocese and a graduate student in Theology at Seton Hall University. His parents, two brothers and three sisters still live in Africa.

Pastor Jim George, a local pastor of the United Methodist Church, Wesley Chapel Circuit in Rockland County, is a Professor of Law at the N.Y. Law School and expects to receive his Masters of Divinity degree from N.Y. Theological Seminary in May 1993. Jim has been married for 42 years; he has two sons, a daughter and one grandson.

The chaplain interns came twice a week to visit residents. In addition, Pastor George held a weekly Bible sharing time for interested residents and Fr. Chris celebrated several of the Tuesday Catholic Masses.

Sister Consuela, ECF Chaplain, has expressed appreciation for their choos-

Dr. Lori Colyer-Aversa: Her Heart Is Entrenched In The Community

A fresh young face can be seen around Babyland centers I, II, III and V these days. Dr. Lori Colyer-Aversa has begun to lend her considerable talents to the little ones who spend their days enjoying the fine Babyland care while parents work or study.

Dr. Lori (the youngsters seem to like this title) is no stranger to Babyland. While she was still in medical school, enjoying a full scholarship at the University of Medicine and Dentistry, Dr. Pearl Kearney retiring medical director of Babyland, who was on staff there, was telling students about the work Babyland was doing and their philosophy of empowerment for people.

The stories stayed with Dr. Lori as she continued her residency program in pediatrics at Columbia Presbyterian Medical Center in New York.

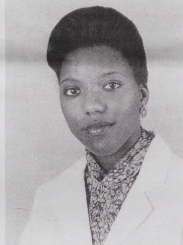
Perhaps it was the fact that she was born in Newark which made a difference, or the fact that her father was a teacher in Newark for 25 years (whose thrust always was on the winners who were in the school system), which caused her heart to be entrenched in the Community — but entrenched it is.

Dr. Colyer-Aversa's parents left Newark to live in the Oranges near where they made sure their children received the best education they could find. They are all doing very well, according to Dr. Lori.

The doctor believes firmly in giving back something to the community, and with her pediatric specialty and research background in intellectual development in infants, what a wonderful gift she has to offer. When the opportunity arose to become the new medical director of Babyland she hurried to apply.

She was impressed with the philosophy which Mary Smith spoke of concerning those who are poor. All

the Babylands are beautiful, clean and safe, showing those of all economic backgrounds who use their services what it is to have nice things and what it means to take pride in something. Mary believes that just because you're poor you don't have to live in sad surroundings. If you see beautiful pictures and pretty furniture and learn



Dr. Lori Colyer-Aversa

good table manners eventually you will want to work hard to enjoy nice things yourself.

Dr. Lori told the story of a friend who went to lunch during a job interview and failed to get the job because of a lack of social skills which they felt would reflect badly on the company. "Some things are difficult to teach," she said, "but some things need to be taught." It seems that her focus will not only be on the health of these little ones, but their future as well.

We feel lucky to have her with us! Watch for Dr. Lori's new column in the Clarion each month.

Large Turnout At Pathmark 2nd Anniversary Celebration

The weather couldn't have been better and neither could the spirits of those who came to celebrate the second anniversary of New Community Corporation's Pathmark Shopping Center, located at the corner of Bergen Street and South Orange Avenue, Newark. The center was decked out with hundreds of balloons and multi-colored pennants.

Homers the DJ, kept the lively music blasting and Bill Franklin, the popular radio personality, hosted the party from the World of Foods food court, introducing guests and awarding prizes. Large crowds surrounded Steve Nyman, a caricaturist who was sketching portraits of the celebrants and New Community's Joyce Cook was decorating children's faces with colorful paints and sequins. Talented senior citizens from various Newark groups performed throughout the day as did "The Optimist," a quartet vocal group and "The One Man Band" a rap singer. The day was complete, with a crew from Cablevision videotaping it all for later release on cable TV.

The Pathmark Shopping Center is a joint venture of New Community Corporation and Pathmark, developed as part of the revitalization of Newark's Central Ward. It has brought much needed shopping facilities to the area.

The shoppers were treated to many prizes, enjoyed food tasting in the World of Foods and in Pathmark and enjoyed a lot of 2nd anniversary specials.

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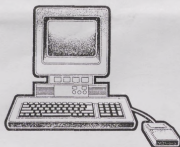
Read the October Clarion for details.

Teen Learn And Earn...

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TL&E participants were also offered the opportunity to save for the purchase of a computer at the end of the 6 week program.

Fifty of the participants were employed directly by NCC. These TL&E participants are all NCC youth — the children of NCC residents or employees. Another fifty youth, participating in the City of Newark Summer Youth Employment Training Program, were also enrolled in Teen Learn and Earn, bringing the total number of youth in the program to 100.



Youth participants in TL&E worked for 30 hours for \$5.05 an hour. Twenty-seven of their hours were spent at work sites and the remaining 3 hours of their time was spent in a computer literacy class held at St. Rose of Lima Elementary School Computer Lab. Each student had a computer to work on during the computer class. The curriculum was developed by Mr. C. Khanna, Management Information Supervisor at NCC. The course was taught by Mr. Khanna, Ms. Sharonda Evans, and assisted by Mr. Lewis Maysonet.

Many of the Teen Learn and Earn students were able to attend some of the exciting trips that were scheduled. They took a tour of Harlem, NYC, which included the Schomburg Museum, Sugarhill, the African Village, lunch at Sylvia's and several other interesting spots. Groups also visited WWOR Television Studios in Secaucus, the Cloisters Museum and Fort Tryon Park, the Statue of Liberty, the New Jersey Aquarium, a concert on the beach at Ft. Pleasant, and the Whitney Young Football Classic at Giants Stadium in the Meadowlands.



Mr. Khanna (a.k.a. "C.K.") helps this teen fine tune her computer and her computer skills.

A hardy group of 5 TL&E young men braved the rainy weather on August 16, and went on a planned outdoor, wilderness trip to Wildcat Mountain. They had a great time thanks to the staff of Project USE (Urban Suburban Environments) which supervised the trip.

Florence Williams, Director of Human Services of New Community Corporation, said, "It was really a challenge to get this program up and running with only a few days notice. But everyone pitched in and helped. Raafiah Odom helped to oversee planning and scheduling of trips. Sharon Evans, did a fantastic job of getting the teens enrolled, helping them to get their working papers, teaching computer classes 4 days a week, supervising trips, and monitoring the teens in their work assignments. Several NCC staff members went on the trips as chaperones so we had a chance to socialize with the kids also.

Teen learn and Earn was a great experience for New Community. Supervisors feel good about providing leadership and support to young people and parents and the teens feel good because the youth had a chance to learn while they earned. We want to do it again next summer.

NEW COMMUNITY CORPORATION

HOPE I PROGRAM

Hayes Homeownership - Buildings 9 and 10 FACT SHEET

• The **HOPE I PROGRAM** is a new initiative of the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development, to convert public housing facilities to resident ownership. For the year 1992, HUD has allocated \$137 million nationwide for implementation grants for such conversion projects.

• The New Community Corporation proposes to convert Buildings 9 and 10 of the Hayes Homes complex to resident ownership through the HOPE I Program. These buildings are part of a 10-building complex of 12-story family high-rises built in the early 1950's. Only about 280 of the 1,458 units in the complex are currently occupied. Buildings 9 and 10 have been unoccupied for about ten years and are in a steadily deteriorating condition.

• New Community Corporation has applied to HUD for \$28 million in funds to rehabilitate Buildings 9 and 10. A portion of this funding will provide employment training and operating subsidies, as to allow 52 families with below-poverty income levels to attain stable employment and home ownership.

• The Hayes Homeownership project sponsored by NCC would allow a family of 3 earning as little as \$17,800 to own their 2-bedroom apartment. In addition, the 52 very low income families will receive about \$5,000 in job training to allow them career and income advancement.

• A further benefit to be provided would be 288 new Section 8 rental subsidy certificates to be distributed by the Newark Housing Authority to very low income families in need of affordable housing. The value of these certificates is estimated at \$34 million.

• New Community will give first priority to existing Hayes residents for the 52 very low income units. Income-qualified Hayes Homes tenants will also be given priority for the other 154 units. It is estimated that about 100 of the 280 families will benefit.

• Each building would be reconfigured from a jumble of 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 bedroom units to a planned mix of 2 and 3 bedroom units meant to keep larger families on lower floors, to minimize elevator dependency.

• The overall density of units would be lowered from 288 to 206, with a corresponding increase in unit size as to meet modern standards.

• The first floors of these two buildings will contain centralized, 24-hour monitored entrances, laundry facilities, a community meeting room, a day care center, and a medical clinic. Grounds will be designed to maximize community sense and provide controllable space.

• Tenant-owners would have full access to other NCC Network services, including 24-hour security guards, social service outreach by professional social workers, and access to the NCC Employment Center, which places over 1,000 persons per year in permanent jobs.

• New Community's proposal would turn the Hayes Homes property from an economic burden upon the City into a fair-share supporter of the City's budget. Under present arrangements, the Housing Authority does not pay any taxes on the Hayes Homes property. Under New Community's proposal, Buildings 9 and 10 would pay 6.28% of net residence charges (total operating charges and mortgage payments) to the City, as property tax. This would amount to a payment of about \$69,740 for the first year of operation and would increase annually. In addition, the project would pay for its own rubbish removal, as opposed to collection by the City. This would benefit the City by another \$36,000 per year and \$77,000 has been budgeted for first year water and sewage taxes. Further still, the New Community's proposal would provide 24-hour security, as opposed to reliance upon City police for maintenance of order and funding by the City of public housing security force. In sum, our proposal provides a very positive economic impact upon the City of Newark.

• The Hayes Homes project will generate \$15.6 million in construction wages and \$9 million in materials purchased. The City minority contract and hiring will be followed.

• New Community stands an excellent chance of gaining funding, as there are few competing and meritorious proposals in this first year of the **HOPE Program**.

• New Community's proposal is not competing against other Newark-based proposals. If NCC's application is unsuccessful, Newark will lose about \$60 million in needed funding for affordable housing, as well as numerous construction industry jobs.

Babyland And Catholic Charities...

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education. Dr. Laurie Leitch, family therapist and researcher, explained that including the father and grandparents make it a "team" effort, helping boost self-esteem and self-confidence which leads to success.

While the young mothers are involved in the program, the children will be cared for at one of the Babyland Nursery sites. After school they will return there to learn parenting skills, budgeting and computer skills as well as homemaking skills and good nutrition leading them to become healthy, self-supporting and financially independent adults.

The Rev. Thomas J. Harvey, president of Catholic Charities, explained that the program was taking the approach of offering a number of services under one roof.

The program staff would include a director, an assistant director, a social worker holding a master's degree (MSW) and two family social workers, as well as the child caregivers.

Many of the services offered would be unknown to the young mothers or unavailable to them, without the involvement of the program. "With proper support the love of their children can be the impetus to effect change," said Mrs. Smith. The emphasis will be on teaching them to better care for their child while at the same time providing them with support mechanisms to prevent further teenage pregnancies.

The child care provided by Babyland will allow the young mothers to finish their education, giving them opportunities for employment and rejection of the welfare system.

Funding for the project is from the W.K. Kellogg Foundation, Prudential Foundation, and MCJ Foundation on behalf of The Amelior Foundation.

Msgr. Wm. J. Linder offered the resources of New Community Corporation to help the participants.

Father Harvey called the program "an investment opportunity" for the future.



What did you learn this summer by working at NCC?



Melody Wade, 14
Newark, NJ

"There is a lot of responsibility. I had to take a lot of chances. I guess I mean I had to figure things out for myself. It helped me gain independence."



Manuel Santiago, 19
Newark, NJ

"I have learned when it is a good time to be serious when it is a joke around. There is a time and a place for everything. I had a lot of fun helping the little kids with baseball."



Tarah Austin, 18
Newark, NJ

"The program taught me how to become a responsible, independent woman because I am able to see how other people work, especially people in high positions. I also improved my typing skills by having to meet deadlines."

A Summer Volunteer: Lucky Us!

First it was a turtle visiting us; then the three guppies arrived to take up residence in Babylon V. After that came bird feeders to hang and nests to examine.

The country had come to the city — courtesy of Mrs. Jane Bruhn.

Mrs. Bruhn became a volunteer at Babylon V during the summer months, as a "vacation" from her usual teaching position. Her knowledge of nature and living things sparked great interest among the children, especially in the 4-year-old class.

Mrs. Bruhn was greeted very enthusiastically as she arrived each week. All were curious to see what unusual item she had to show. Surprises generally arrived in a shoe box — to keep all in suspense. Discussions began and many questions were asked as the wide-eyed children gathered around their guest. When she learned that the classes were going to visit Turtle Back Zoo, Mrs. Bruhn met the groups at the zoo and shared in the fun of a day among our animal friends.

Her specialty may be along those nature loving lines, but Jane's energy extended far beyond. She could be seen in the middle of games and activities in the playground; or in the classroom encouraging some little budding artists to draw and explore with color. And if someone wanted a story read, Jane was happy to oblige.

Mrs. Bruhn ended herself to all at Babylon V. We hate to see the summer end when she must return to her regular teaching profession. We just hope that those students know how lucky they are!

Sr. Regina Holtz

Behind The TV Screen

The Harmony House youth were given an opportunity to experience the popular children's show "Steampipe Alley."

The 24 children, who range in age from 8-13, were very excited about their visit. They had the opportunity to observe the many functions/activities of a live studio show. Some of the children were chosen to participate in the many skits and commercials that were being developed as they



Mario Cantone

looked on. The staff of Steampipe Alley and the young people got along very well.

The session lasted 3½ hours and the children were given ice cream during a break in taping.

At the end of the visit there was an opportunity to ask questions, take pictures and get autographs of the show's star, Mr. Mario Cantone. The children were then given a thank-you bag of treats and prizes for being such a good participating audience.

Albert Workfield
Youth Program Coordinator

Harmony House Women On ABC-TV "Home Show"

New Community Harmony House was selected by the ABC-TV Home Show to highlight the plight of Welfare Women on the show's Woman-to-Woman segment.

The focus of the show was four Harmony House women discussing their homelessness and how Harmony House has helped them to instill hope for the future.

On July 17, 1992, Pat Mitchell, on-camera reporter, taped her discussion with Pauline Justinairs, Millie Machado, Marlene Whittier and Gwendolyn Smith on the Harmony House premises. Each woman discussed their

Millie Machado gave her view on being a role model for her children. She spoke of stressing the importance of education to youth and the dangers they can face in the streets. Ms. Machado works as a substitute Teacher's Aide at Camden Street School.

Marlene Whittier spoke mainly of how Harmony House helped her fulfill her goal of obtaining her high school diploma. She is presently employed by UMDNJ in the Computer Department. Her aspiration is to attend computer training school in the fall.

Gwendolyn Smith, an ex-Harmony



Marlene Whittier and Millie Machado listen attentively to the questions directed at them by ABC-TV correspondent Pat Mitchell.

homelessness, their experiences as a welfare recipient and their success while at Harmony House, as well as their views on welfare reform.

The women interviewed by Pat Mitchell have made strides to better their lives and serve as a positive role model for their children.

Pauline Justinairs spoke of getting back on her feet, of being independent and of her anticipation about finding employment. Ms. Justinairs recently completed a computer training course and she's presently looking for employment.

House resident, spoke passionately about being independent. Ms. Smith, while living at Harmony House, completed Home Health Aide Training. She is presently working as a Home Health Aide for the New Community Home Health Program, and as a result, she's now off welfare and living in permanent housing.

The four women's account of their homelessness and hope will be aired on the ABC-TV Home Show on September 2nd at 11:00 a.m. on ABC-TV.

Jeanette Page-Hawkins, ACSW
Administrator

Celebration With A Twist

The children and staff at Harmony House decided to celebrate the end of the school year with a Talent/Fashion Show.

The show featured some of the best and brightest talents at Harmony House. The performances included the lip synch groups "Fly Girls" (Jasmine Moore/Nafeesah Eason), "Home Boys" (Jamil Moore/Robert Carriello), "ILTQ" (Fatimah Hinton/Nafeesah Eason), and "Humpty" (Zaquan Thomas). They were followed by the acapella sounds of "Iron Man Rap" (Tyronne Hampton) and "Tutty Fruity" (Theodore Robinson). Next, the audience was treated to two soulful sounds of singing and dancing by the group "Juicy" (Dennis Love, Ayana Rogers, Samuel Emmanuelli) and a duet by Tawanna Lee and Majied Moore singing "You Remind Me." The Talent Show ended with a solo by Lucinda Conover performing "Go Outside In The Rain."

The Fashion Show was just as exciting. The parents and children waited in anticipation for the models to come out and strut their stuff. The children modeled the latest summer/fall fashions. The finale brought the audience to their feet as Jesenia Machado, Samaria Emmanuelli and Jasmine & Jamil Moore, along with all the other models, did a skit of a wedding ceremony complete with gown and bridal veil.

A special thanks to all the staff/children who worked long hours to make the show a success. Also, to the parents of Harmony House who allowed their children to stay out a little longer than usual. Give yourselves a big round of **APPLAUSE!!!**

Albert Workfield
Youth Program Coordinator



Tawanna Lee sings as Majied Moore dances.



Zaquan "Humpty" Thomas



The talented and fashionable crew from Harmony House pose for a photo following the festivities.

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Dr. Paul and Maryann Kearney: Five Star People

There have been many five star events at New Community's Priory Restaurant... The appearances of Bishop Tutu, Governors Kean and Florio, have all drawn a full house; but the couple who drew so many people from Newark and suburbia alike to St. Joseph Plaza on July 24th for their retirement celebration would not consider themselves VIPs at all.

They are mistaken, for Dr. Paul Kearney and his wife Maryann have been just that for the last 25 years...very important people...in the eyes and hearts and lives of hundreds of families in the New Community Network to whom they gave such loving care.

"Dr. Kearney came to Newark and administered free pediatric care to the children of Babyland some twenty-five years ago," Madge Wilson, co-founder of Babyland told those gathered. "His weekly Wednesday visits saved office visit and immunization fees for many low-income and single parents."

"Dr. Kearney was loyal to those families as well as to the staff of Babyland, and upon giving up his private practice (retiring) he came

Dr. Kearney's care went far beyond the ordinary.

Mrs. William J. Linder, founder of New Community, found most touching the quality of care he gave the little ones; the same quality as he gave in his Short Hills practice. He also thought he would have a problem keeping Dr. Kearney from wearing out, since he always hung around the fledgling Nursery late to do the heavy work, because he didn't believe women should do that. Such a gentleman!

Mrs. Smith hoped to find a doctor to give Babyland a day or even a couple of hours of time. Dr. Kearney responded not only by coming every week, but coming to take care of children and staff for the last 5 or 6 years after retirement as part time doctor. As a result "it was possible for us to have a very comprehensive medical program without any cost to Babyland."

"He has given not only medical care, but a lot of nurturing to Babyland over the past 25 years. We're extremely grateful to him and we're going to miss him. He told us he was not going to retire until he had a replacement he was confident of." Dr. Lori Colyer-



Fr. Thomas Peterson, Msgr. Wm. Linder and Bishop Joseph Francis lent their delightful stories about the Kearneys to the gathering.

to Babyland full time and dedicated tireless hours and years to improving health care for inner city children. His devoted wife Maryann accompanied him on this mission and The Kearney's became family in all the efforts which Babyland undertook."

Maryann's role was more behind the scenes helping Mary Smith, Executive Director of Babyland, as she struggled to get the child care center off and running in 1967, and drawing friends and funds into the Babyland family. For the last few years she had been keeping the occupants of St. Rose Rectory on their toes (although that was not her official job).

Aversa was his choice (See related story, page 2.) "He was always looking out for us."

That Dr. Kearney was special surfaced in the many stories of those attending.

Jeanette Tucker Thurmond, co-founder of Babyland along with Mary and Madge, came all the way up from Georgia for the affair. She told her director that since she had no time off left on her job she would take time off without pay to come for this special night and pay tribute to the wonderful doctor "who had touched so many lives loving and giving."

One life he touched was Arthur Gilmore's. As a baby at Babyland in



The Kearney's have made many friends over the years at Babyland.



Dr. and Mrs. Kearney pose for a photo with all 9 of their children at their retirement party.

the '70's, his heart condition was diagnosed by Dr. Kearney and an operation helped him to live and enjoy his mother, Rosemary Chaneyfield and be there for her recently when she died of cancer.

As a recipient of his care for her five children, Georgia Ransome found that Dr. Kearney never talked down to her. He calmed her down with "what do you expect?" Then proceeded to tell it like it was, in the manner of an old fashioned country doctor.

He was described as a whirlwind by Sister Helene Trueitt, speaking on behalf of co-workers. "He would come in and give 10 or 12 commands but by then he would have calmed down," she related, "and then would follow the Dr. Kearney wave of dismissal. His compassion was unbounded. No hospital stay on behalf of the staff was complete without a visit from Dr. Kearney."

A highlight of the evening was a song by children led by St. Rose vice-principal and music director Emily Ross and a videotape of the Babyland song prepared by children from all 5 centers to say "goodbye."

As for the New Community Extended Care Facility, which he visited daily, administrator Mary Devlin put everyone on notice that she will need 5 people to replace him: one to pick up the pieces of paper lying around; another to evict unqualified people from the handicapped car spots; yet another to tell her what her job is; a fourth to tell doctors and nurses what they should be doing and finally one to take care of the patients. Sounds

Kearney children was awesome in itself to some of the guests. Quite a tribute!

Dr. Paul, Jr. alias Tony, oldest of the family described his father with both affection and humor. At first "we loved him and feared him," he began. "Then we loved him and challenged him." "Eventually," he recounted, "we called him the chief because he always spoke in half sentences and didn't hear all that was said." Now they find themselves getting more like the chief every day, he said with a laugh. They too now speak in half sentences and don't hear everything either.

The love of his children was also voiced by Dr. Kearney's youngest, Patricia, who remembered him as the disciplinarian, tempered with love. Because of the love he gave they were able to share with others and give it back, she told the gathering. "Dad was the way he was. He wrote a prescription for love every day and we took it all."

Master of Ceremonies Gayle Chaneyfield told us she realized after seeing the Kearney family, the great gift they had given New Community "by sharing him with us."

Continuing the light tenor of the evening the master of ceremonies said "we know he doesn't like fanfare and glory, but he sat and listened to it all, because he loved us and cared about us. He didn't even give us the Dr. Kearney wave, and he didn't even take off his hearing aid."

Rev. Thomas R. Peterson, President



Friends and neighbors of the Kearneys had a "beautiful, exhilarating" evening as they joined the celebration at The Priory.

like the whirlwind breezed through that building too.

"It was the best party we've ever had," was the way Maryann described the dinner attended by many suburban friends and just as many friends from the Central Ward, all of whom enjoyed their evening together. Bazzie Ford age 92 and her younger sister Vera Jackson age 81 who helped in the household as the Kearney children grew up, were very special guests.

The presence of every one of the 9

of Seton Hall University and a personal friend also paid tribute to the doctor and his wife. Bishop Joseph Francis offered the Benediction.

On behalf of Mary Smith (unable to attend due to a car accident that day), Martha Carroll presented Dr. Kearney and Maryann with a travel voucher to get them started toward retirement.

Fond memories will linger forever in the hearts and lives of all who knew them. Happy Retirement!!!!

A Degree Earned The Hard Way

Graduation from college is always a tremendous achievement. Accumulating the required number of credits and maintaining an acceptable grade point average over eight years while raising six children is, however, an accomplishment which verges on the awesome!

Marcelina Cortez's story began when she came here from Puerto Rico at the age of 14. At that time, she did not know English. Eventually she married.

Six children were born to her and Miguel: Miguel Jr., Juan, Moeses, Idania, Daniel and Xiomara. Miguel Sr. has been pastor of Fountain of Life Church in North Newark for eleven years now, and the whole family spends a lot of time together, especially in church.

As a young woman, Marcelina promised her father that she would finish college. True to her word, she began studying for an A.S. Degree in Social Services at Essex County College. When she first went to school, she still did not speak very much English. People were very helpful to her, especially one English teacher who continuously supported, encouraged and challenged her. She "improved (herself), made friends, and learned." Marcelina usually carried 12 to 15 credits. "My family pitched in and the kids helped me with my homework!" she explained. After graduation from Essex County College, Marcelina went on to Rutgers University where she recently graduated with a B.A. in Spanish Literature.

Her goal is to become a bi-lingual teacher in elementary school. As a young woman she suffered because



Juggling 6 children, a husband and a college education was a piece o' cake for Marcelina Cortez.

she did not know English. In those days there were no bi-lingual classes. "A lot of kids who do not know English need help," she states. Ms. Cortez plans to speak to Mr. Thomas, the Principal of Newton Street School, about the possibility of volunteering her services there.

Marcelina Cortez advises that, "It is never too late to succeed in life. If you want to reach a goal, go for it! If you really want to succeed you will be willing to go through many difficulties. You will cry. You will complain. But, you will go through."

Yes you will thank you, Marcelina Cortez for your message and for your example.

Looking Toward A Better Future



Specialized Early Childhood Education was completed by the above Babyland staff. Front row: Grace Bowman, Helen Causey and Mattie Dollar. Group Teachers in Babyland who realized the additional credential of Child Development Associate, awarded by the National Association for the Education of Young Children; and Ruth Boker, center, Head Teacher at Babyland IV, who completed the one year Infant-Toddler Supervisory Training at the Kean College Dart Program. Babyland continues to fulfill its mission to provide quality service to both staff and clients.

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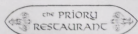
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NCC Families Picnic A Treat

On July 18th, nearly 200 people from our Families Housing enjoyed a day away at Lake Hopatcong.

When the long awaited time finally arrived, buses and vans, synchronized by New Community Transportation Coordinator, Milton Taylor, and Bus Captains Bertha Brown, Gladys Bonet, Annie Latham and Paul Hulon, got underway shortly after 7 a.m. Originally planned for our fishing aficionados, this "bush-bush" was surprisingly popular among the three bus runs.

It was a gorgeous day. Rain threatened but never materialized. New Community's lakefront property provided a pleasant combination of sun and shade, woods and lawn, fruit and flowers, and cool breezes off the water. In quiet moments, geese and sailboats were there to capture our attention. Swings, a round about, basketball, water balloons and volleyball kept our active members busy all day.

Mid-morning the all important supply caravan arrived under the able direction of Alan Murray of Dunkin' Donuts. We realized what it must have been like in the old days — waiting for the Pony Express — since we imported everything we needed for a successful picnic: grills, propane, ice, tables, even a hot dog cart made the one hour trip!

Of course there was food galore courtesy of Alan Murray of Dunkin' Donuts, Felix Lopresti and Alma Reed of World of Foods, and Newark's Watermelon Capital, the Bergen Street Pathmark!

All of it, from donuts and juice served enroute, to the July Birthday cake cut late in the afternoon, was delicious and abundant. Our two chefs of Sandwich Shop fame were outstanding grill masters as well. Santiago Sno-Cones, named for their creator, Tony, who lives in Gardens Families, made a big hit.

Annie Latham and Dolores Jacobs of the Families Advisory Board supervised the food table for most of the day, while Sr. Kathleen and Sr. Eileen of Social Services served up "red hot."

It was a far cry from a lazy summer afternoon for this group. Sack races,

organized by Gloria Chambers of Gardens Families and Social Services got us moving (and provided a record number of patients) for our visiting nurses, Sr. Ann Tumulty of Home Health Care and Sr. Mary Anne Henegan of Extended Care).

Angel and Nellie Green of Commons Families swung the group right into the hula-hoop and jump rope contests.

Valerie Ury of Manor Families hooked our attention with a Free Throw Contest. Tee shirts supplied to the winners by Jean Curlin of Social Services made a good supplement to the more exciting prizes winners were able to choose.

Participants in the Photo Contest were busy shooting all day. We can not wait to see their best work.

After the very last fish had been taken from the lake, a trophy for the biggest fish caught at the picnic was awarded to Annie Latham. Major contenders were Michele Walker and Bertha Brown, who literally had her own Catch of the Day — a whole bucket full! You should have seen the ones who got away. Not fish in this case, but fishers: Lottie Ury and Danny Ray Brown among others, who fished all day but did not enter the contest.

At the end of the day, the winner of the 50/50 was chosen. Gerald Moses of Maintenance won the grand prize. Afterwards, tickets were drawn until the last watermelon was claimed.

Everything came together to make our "First Annual" a huge success: weather, company, food, games, contests, supplies, transportation. Best of all, the people responsible enjoyed working together: co-chairwomen Donnell Brown and Sr. Mary Ellen, committee members from Social Services, the Housing Complexes, and Jewel Pitts-Earl from Management, employees from Dunkin' Donuts and the World of Food, drivers, security, cooks, maintenance, and Larry Zanetti, the new caretaker of the Lake Hopatcong property.

We cannot forget all the tenants, adults as well as children. We did it all for you, and you made our day!

Beginners At New Beginnings

One of the most popular sections of New Beginnings Spa would be the aerobic area. In the past, the advanced aerobics class was the star of the aerobic schedule. Now the 1992 beginners class at 8 p.m. is one of the most popular and diverse classes at New Beginnings Spa.

The 8 p.m. beginners class is popular because the newcomers of the spa are usually intimidated by the quickness and aggressive nature of the 5:30 p.m. advanced class. Once a person has hit the level of fitness they wanted to achieve, they can keep that new look cardiovascular system and body in fine tuned condition. The beginners class works in the latest low impact techniques to elevate the heart rate, and the floorwork is designed to sculpt and define the muscle after loss of body fat aerobically.

Tuesdays and Thursdays are "How the Waist is Won." We have an "absolutely abdominal" class that works wonders in the stomach region. Members enjoy this class because of the work done to the overall abdominal area such as waist, upper abdominal area, and lower abdominal area.

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Ed Scott

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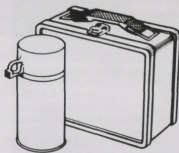
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Meet Our Central Office Maintenance Personnel

LINDA STUDIVANT

Although Linda was born in Virginia, she was raised and schooled in Newark, and got her accounting diploma from Essex County College in 1983. Her first job opportunity after graduation from college came in August 1983, when she started working for New Community.

Linda handles well all the various of field work: billing, financial reports, accident reports, work order reports, petty cash, vouchers, reimbursements—



Linda Studivant

anything and everything that has to be done at the Central Maintenance office. Anytime you want to know something, you can ask Linda.

She is well liked and respected by everyone because she is always cheerful and positive. Linda is making a valuable contribution to the everyday functioning of the Central Maintenance Department.

Linda lives with her 14 year old daughter in Linden. We are all very proud of her. Keep up the excellent work, Linda!

JEANETTE MORALES

Born and raised in Newark, Jeanette was educated in the North Ward school system. She attended Focus and Essex County College of Business where she learned her computer skills.

After working as a nurse's aide and doing computerized billings in a doctor's office, Jeanette started working for New Community in April 1990 as a data entry clerk, however, she also prints work orders, does billings and payroll. Jeanette has a good rapport with people calling in, such as managers and co-workers. Jeanette is a valuable asset to New Community.

Jeanette lives in Newark with her husband and two children. Her son, Carlos, is participating in the summer



Jeanette Morales

enrichment program at St. Rose School.

ALMEDA NEWELL

Almeda was born and raised in North Carolina and educated in the



Almeda Newell

North Carolina school system. She came to New Jersey where she worked, obtaining on the job computer training.

After marriage and children, Almeda went back to the work field improving her computer skills before coming to New Community.

She has been employed here for almost two (2) years as an inventory clerk, and is well liked by all employees.

Hispanic Development Activities

Mini Hispanic Youth Group

A group of youngsters 8-11 years of age gather every Wednesday for sports and recreational activities. The primary purpose for uniting these youngsters was to give them something positive to do and to get them off the streets at least one day in the week.

During the summer months they met Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, the boys to practice softball

children coming on a daily basis for arts and crafts, hoping to get them into a positive atmosphere and out of the depressed (drugs, dirty streets, profanity, etc.) area in which most live. Thanks to the help of our New Community Human Resources Department, we've had anywhere from 12 to 15 youngsters coming daily. This is in addition to our regular mini Hispanic Youth Group and the Junior Hispanic



Our baseball players proudly wear their new uniforms.

and the girls to cheer their team on.

We are grateful to our benefactors, Continental Trading and Lumber Inc., for their support and the bulk of our uniforms.

Team members are: Manager - Mr. William Andujar; Players - Hernan Chaves, Alex Santiago, Anthony, Alex and Wilson Jr. Andujar, Jorge Santos, Armando Espinosa, Johnathan Colon and Julio Escobar. Cheer leaders are Sharon Escobar, Ana Chaves, Jenny Franco, and Daisy Ramos.

During the summer we have had

Youth Group.

Some of our Senior Youth Group have been working for the summer and given volunteer time after work, helping in the afternoons.

Karen Oshiro, our volunteer from Seton Hall, has been very faithful coming whenever she is free and is a big help to all.

Hispanic Adult Community

The adult group is working with great enthusiasm to prepare for New Community's up and coming 25th anniversary parade.



The cheerleaders put their all into every cheer.

Football's Their Game



Signing autographs and making friends at the Summer Enrichment Program are left to right: John McIver, Baylor University; Mike Dillard, Texas A&M; Marquis Porter, Iowa University and Tony Woods, Seattle Seahawks.

A Beautiful Day For Lunch At The Priory



The NCC Senior Advisory Board recently assisted several handicapped New Community residents to The Priory Restaurant for a beautiful luncheon. It was a real treat for the otherwise homebound residents.

7th Black Catholic Congress

On July 5, 1992, a delegation of representatives of the Archdiocese of Newark, to the Black Catholic Congress, assembled at Saint Mary's Church on High Street, Newark, for a blessing and a send off service. The service was conducted by Bishop Joseph Francis, who reminded each one that they were, "to come forward and stand on his or her own two feet," and take responsibility for the mission about to be undertaken to save the African American Family.

A year ago under the leadership of the Office Directress, Mrs. Lucille Foreman, aided by Doctor Janice Stewart and Mrs. Blanche Bishop, Principal of Warren Street School, an arduous schedule of meetings were set up and intense probing began to identify the areas of greatest concern. The areas were identified as: The African American Family, The Black Male, and Racism in the Church. The first served as the focal point or umbrella to the other two.

The African American Family must survive; it is the root of who we are as a people, as a civilization. It was the family which allowed our ancestors to survive the test of time — slavery, sufferings, et al. It was the family that gave one a sense of worth, dignity, belonging. Today, we are losing this family nurtured community. There are "fast foods," "fast cars," "fast money," "fast families," no real meat and potatoes to stick to our ribs.

Making the public aware of the impact of this social change is the mission of the Coordinating Team.

Having done the ground work of researching and analyzing all written materials, the Team submitted the recommendations for revision of statements. Approximately 55 were sent and 28 were accepted to be voted on at the Congress.

Upon arriving in New Orleans on

July 9th, there was an opening liturgical ceremony. The huge Convention Center on the Mississippi River was filled to capacity. There were over 5,000 African American Black Catholics who had come to participate in this 7th Congress. Archbishop McCarrick of Newark was among them.

The Center was filled with an indescribable sense of faith and vitality. Bishop Francis gave the opening statement, one which reminded us all how important our roles are in the shaping of the future — our futures.

Congress number 7, will be a memorable one for many, a stepping stone for some, and a tool for all. At this Congress there were women in religious life, of African American descent, who came forward and told of their beginnings, letting the young women present see that it is possible to choose to give their life over to serve God and His people. This is something very few of them realize, being in situations where the only sisters or the majority of Sisters with whom they come into contact are non African American.

At this convention there were also over 500 young people sent from Dioceses across the country to participate in the voting process of the Congress. The best of the sisters occurred between the states was overwhelming.

As a family we gathered once again in the Convention Center, this time for Sunday worship. Not an "ordinary time" service, but one that was truly felt from the heart.

The family of the Congress was dismissed with these words: "YOU ARE REVIVED, RENEWED AND READY." Each and every person knew what he/she had to do. There was a lot of work to be done, but, as a family, we can make some changes happen. We must!

Security Corner

July Officer Of The Month

Security Officer James Calloway joined the New Community Security Department in October, 1989.

S/O Calloway is an impressive officer. His walk and conversation show his positive thinking, thinking tempered with both his religious beliefs and training and his desire to

recognize this ability in Office Calloway and reward him with our choice of "Officer of the Month" for July, 1992.

August Officer Of The Month

Security Officer Elizabeth Griffen is a mature officer who came to work for New Community in June of 1988. Officer Griffen worked throughout



Security Officers James Calloway and Elizabeth Griffen receive their awards with help from Lt. Perry, Douglass-Harrison Manager Brenda West and Assistant Security Director, Fred Williams.

succeed in his duties as a New Community officer.

He is a graduate of Vailsburg High School who joined the department three years after graduating. Since his assignment as a field officer, Calloway has performed many duties, but his current assignment, at Douglass-Harrison, is probably the most important. He works the day shift and by working these hours, encounters most of the problems, both administrative and social that occur at this complex and has faced challenges and held his own.

Officer Calloway has stepped forward and demonstrated his leadership ability when called upon.

We, of the Security Administration,

the security system for the first couple of months of her employment and was placed at NC Douglas Homes as building security five years ago.

Officer Griffen is described by manager Wayne Chapman of the New Community senior complex, as "one of the best," who is knowledgeable of the building, the tenants and the problems connected to the site.

S/O Griffen, who is a grandmother with custody of her granddaughter Deeya, describes the residents of Douglas Homes as her "other" family.

Keep up the good work Officer Griffen and congratulations on your selection as "Officer of the Month."

One Small Step Towards The Future

On a beautiful, sunny, summer day this past August, eight preteen children graduated from Babyland II. After Mrs. Bullock, the Center Supervisor, greeted everyone, children and parents and guardians alike rose for the Pledge of Allegiance. The ceremonies continued with several songs such as "Oh, Babyland You" being performed by the graduates. A special thank you was given to teacher Susan Livingston and other staff at the center.

The graduation ceremonies concluded with the awarding of diplomas. The graduates are: Anquan Williams, Misha Boyd, Berry Ramon, Keysha Jones, Dwayne Hawks, Terry Smith, Dante DeSmith and Kina Frost. The entire staff of Babyland II congratulates the children and wishes them well in future endeavors.



A good foundation for education is often laid in the first few years of life. Caregivers, such as Susan Livingston, do their very best to get children started on the right foot.

Wow! Look At Us Now

If you were not at the latest event happening on a second Wednesday night, each month, at the Priory Restaurant, you have been missing it! I am talking about the "Senior Talent Night." This is an evening of gathering with your friends and family, enjoying good food, entertainment, dressing up and just having an old-fashioned good time.

The idea came about while trying to find something different for our

Golden Agers that would offer a night out without going too late into the evening or costing too much, and yet still have an air of elegance and fun. Many of our seniors are so talented and get little opportunity to display it for anyone other than a select few. The Talent Night was the perfect solution to bring people together.

This event has become a showcase of not only senior talent, but also, for new up and coming young talent in search of fame, for example, groups such as, "Impulse," managed by group member Robert Spates. These young men, with musical abilities which are truly dynamic, are sure to make it big on the entertainment scene. They will be appearing at New Community Associates, 180 South Orange Avenue, on Friday, September 18th, as part of the events celebrating the 25th Anniversary of New Community. "Impulse" will be performing at the Fish Fry, sponsored by the Families Advisory Board, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Other young talent include, "Sudden Touch," a singing duo comprised of Wayne Spann and Geraldine Robinson, who were recent contestants in the "Star Explosion" talent search held at Newark's Symphony Hall.

The talent which emanates from the Golden Agers is even more fantastic. Mrs. Dorothy Harris is a woman of 60 plus, however, when she dons her tuxedo, top hat and tap shoes she becomes a very limber tap dancing grandmother. It seems that time has stood still and Mrs. Harris is still able to captivate her audience with the intricate dance steps she performs. A saxophone has never been played by Mrs. Angel Lee makes hers sing. She plays

"Satin Doll," which is as smooth as a piece of satin. At 70 plus, Mrs. Pearl Davenport has vocal cords that could easily stand next to any of the members of a New York Opera troupe. Mr. Richard Maggette, not only has a fine voice but is also a handsome man who has a presence of grace and professionalism.

Friends who only know each of these talented seniors on a day to day basis, come out to cheer their peers on and say, "Wow! Look at them now."

The August program proved to be the best one yet, as Senior Talent Night has been growing and growing in popularity. August boasted a sell out house which prompted the writer for the Star Ledger (and author of "Swing City") to write an article for the Monday edition.

If you would like to be a part of this action, just make sure to visit the Priory Restaurant the second Wednesday of every month between the hours of 4:00 and 7:30 p.m. To make it easy and accessible, transportation is provided for groups of 6 or more, at no additional cost. (Transportation is limited to seniors; wheelchairs can also be accommodated but this must be stated at the time of reservation.)

For ticket information or reservations contact Ms. Joyce Cook at (201) 623-6114. To participate in the Talent or amateur category contact either Joyce Cook or Mrs. Sadie Veney who can be reached at 733-6407. To make contact after 5:00 p.m. you may call (201) 675-6227 and leave information with the service. Your call will be promptly returned.

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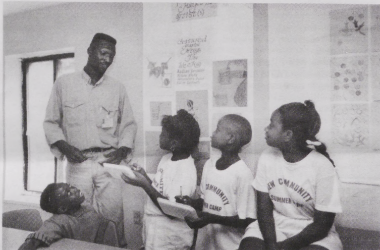
by the Staff of NCC Social Services Department

NCC Summer Camp Activities

NCC summer camps began July 16th, with lots of anxious and excited campers ready to venture into the many planned activities scheduled for the months of July and August. The campers began their first recreational trip at our very own Lake Hopatcong. There the children enjoyed a number of games and also a game of basketball which was played not only with the children, but with staff as well.

What a wonderful way to start your summer. The children also have had the chance to venture outside of the city; our older children experienced a farm day at Blances Farm in New Egypt, New Jersey, where the children picked fresh fruits and vegetables, and our younger children had a great day at the New York Aquarium.

These are just a few of the many planned trips our children have gained from. They are enjoying their warm sunny camp days.



Alfonso Ford discusses the fine arts with the campers at 72 Hayes Street. (P.S. note the artwork).



Boys will be boys. Our industrious summer campers mingle with the friendly local children at Lake Hopatcong.



Splash Splash, the Summer Enrichment kids were taking a bath at the YMCA in Orange.

Getting To Know You

Thirty-six members of the Basic Skills Summer Program at the Warren Street School walked into NC Commons Senior for a neighborly visit with the residents. These students from grades one through seven, accompanied by their teachers, had a prepared list of questions that they were eager to share with the Commons Senior residents while sitting in small groups with them.

The questions ranged from the inquisition, "What did you like to do when you were little?" and "What do you like to do now?" to the reflective, "What do you think we should do to help make this a better world?"

As a sign of their affection the students handed attractively colored

bookmarks to their new friends and received an ice cream treat in return. The New Community residents enjoyed meeting with the students and were delighted that they were chosen to participate in the program. It appeared to be a mutually beneficial sharing.

Ms. Nancy DiComo, Superintendent for Newark Board of Education, initiated this "Respect for Elders" project which includes follow up work at the school. A meaningful meeting like this creates positive attitudes among the different age groups. Respect for elders begins with getting to know them.

Sister Kathleen Coll
Social Services

Youth Services Summer Program

If asked to describe New Community's Youth Services Summer Recreation Program one may describe it as an arts program with recreation activities that's family oriented or you may describe it as a recreation program with art activities that's family oriented. Either way, they're both correct—for NCC's Youth Services Summer Program has provided both fun and learning through the arts and athletic activities for 107 children age 5-13 years this summer. Currently staff has sought to involve more parents and families in the program to maintain the level of services desired and reduce costs. Parents served as chaperones on trips this summer and volunteered in other roles.

Above all the creative and fun-filled experiences for youths this summer is attributable to a committed and competent staff. The staff includes four special individuals, Dennis Holden, a teacher at St. Rose of Lima School, brings experience in working with youth. Eric Hudson, a site coordinator and veteran of three years with the program for the 11-13 group, is a senior at Yale University aspiring for law school and is very organized and committed. His three years experience at NCC provides him with an edge as he is familiar with many of the youths and their families. He serves as a positive role model for our young people. Another special individual is Alfonso Ford, a newcomer to NCC, but not to working with youths. A former student exchange program counselor abroad and counselor at Upsala College he is also a trained art professional. Al brings culture and new learning methods through activities which allow students to express themselves artistically. Finally our "site coordinator of the year," Eric Johnson, a three year veteran with NCC summer program, is a senior in elementary education at Norfolk State and is deeply committed to teaching by preparing the proper setting for learning. He therefore involved parents by inviting them in to participate in creative arts activities. His families and students hold him in high regard as they recognize he is genuinely concerned with their development.

The combination of family commitment and a super staff who brought a creative mix of arts and recreation, made the Youth Services Summer Recreation Program an exciting one this summer.



Even a rainy day turns into fun at the Newark Library.

225 Hunterdon Street

We are enjoying a fun-filled summer at the 225 Hunterdon Street site of the New Community Corporation Summer Camp. The 225 Hunterdon Street site is where our older boys and girls are — ages 11-13. Our activities include numerous trips to Lake Hopatcong, local parks, as well as excursions to such places as Action Park, Space Farm, and Wild West City.

The children are forming friendships and bonds that will last far longer than the camp experience itself. As one camper stated, "I plan to stay in contact with many of the kids in the camp during the school year."



A trip to WWOR-TV (Channel 9) in Secaucus proved to be very informative, and entertaining, too!

Education: Key To Her Future

Laquisha Coley has lived in NC Manor Families since she was eight years old. She attended Harriet Tubman School and Camden Middle School. When it came time for High School, she chose Arts High in Newark because of her interest in drama.

Laquisha was a very active participant in the High School community, serving on the Yearbook Staff and belonging to the French Club and the Future Lawyers Club. During her term on the Student Council that group adopted two children in Africa and contributed money every month for their keep. The council also adopted Burnett Street School and sponsored several activities involving both groups of students.

During Laquisha's junior year, a group of students worked on CHAPTER TEN: THE NEW JACK PLAYERS with Paper Mill Playhouse in Millburn and formed a touring company to visit the Newark City Schools.

During senior year she worked on a piece on Native Americans, however, performing arts are not emphasized during the last year at Arts High.

Despite all her extracurricular activities, Laquisha's grade point average did not suffer. However, the high point of the year, the birth of her son Denar on December 13th, had a transforming effect on her life for years to come.

At her graduation from Arts High, Laquisha Coley was awarded a partial scholarship from the Newark Kiwanis who had sponsored a talent show fund raiser at Arts High for their Scholarship Fund. Laquisha supplemented this funding by applying for academic grants from the State of New Jersey: TAG, Pell, and EOP. She plans to participate in a work/study program during the academic year, and is hoping to be placed in the school library.

This fall Laquisha plans to begin studies at Seton Hall University in South Orange, eventually majoring in political science. Her hopes are to at-



Laquisha Coley

tend law school after graduation. Over the years, teachers noticing how articulate she is, and her love for debate encouraged her in this direction.

Ms. Coley worries about her peers who do not seem to be interested in pursuing their educations, especially after having children. Laquisha, who will be the first in her family to go to college, credits an "internal spark of motivation" for her determination to succeed. "The more violence I see outside, pushes me more toward what I have to do."

We are all very proud of Laquisha Coley and her accomplishments. "Behind every successful woman is another one." Mention must be made of the strong support Janie Coley gives all her children, consistently urging them to do their best; to stay in school; and to live up to their responsibilities. Even though her philosophy means extra hours of caring for Denar to supplement, not replace, Laquisha's parenting efforts, Janie Coley lives up to her beliefs.

Good luck! Laquisha; continue to work hard. We celebrate your example, and your mother's!

Wm. J. Linder Scholarship Winner

Heath Perry of NC Manor Families is a bright, enthusiastic, and personable young man with a very positive outlook on life. He has good reason! Heath will be attending Seton Hall Prep in the fall on a full scholarship awarded by the Monsignor William J. Linder Scholarship Fund. Heath attended Newton School from K to 8 and "loved it," getting good grades all along.

Last winter he took the test or Seton Hall Prep because he has "been wanting to go (there) since the fourth grade. You know Ira Bowman—he went there." Everyone says it is a good school, with an excellent reputation."

After he was accepted at Seton Hall, NC Social Services was able to offer some financial assistance from its Martin Luther King, Jr. Youth Scholarship Fund, and Sister Anastasia Hearne, the Director, facilitated the scholarship application process for him.

Heath has a lively interest in business and "certain events that make the world go around, such as the political conventions." That should get his academic career off to a good start!

"Ira Bowman" was the password to the next subject: BASKETBALL!!! Heath loves it, and like Ira, his neighbor, hero and mentor, he is "very good."

Heath has lived in Manor Families since he was four years old, and got his start in basketball during four years in NC's Small Fry League. He went from there to Newton School's team where he played point guard and shooting guard during seventh and eighth grades. This summer he participated in a week long basketball camp to sharpen his knowledge and skills. He is determined to "try his heart out," to make Seton Hall's team this fall.

Although Heath will "miss Newton School a lot," he is looking for-

ward to attending Seton Hall Prep despite its "different, tougher environment, workwise." He has already met some of his classmates — "all kinds of people."

Heath knows that he will have to strive hard, with great determination to meet the challenge Seton Hall Prep offers him. He sees his future in "a better learning environment; a place to go that will teach me a lot in many different ways — for example, history and math — that I know will help me in the future." This prospect excites him.

Heath is already a very impressive young man who attributes his success



Heath Perry

to his mother. "My mother always taught me that no matter what happens, no matter how hard you fall, you must always pick yourself back up and go on."

Well, Heath Perry, do go on — right to Seton Hall Prep and beyond. We at NCC are behind you, and we are very proud of you!

Sister Mary Ellen Bennett

NC Social Services
* See related article in October Clarion.

Tenants Of The Month

The Santiagos are an institution in New Community. In 1982, Amalia, mother of the family, moved from North Newark to 15th Ave. to reside in NC Gardens Families. For awhile, her daughter, Nora, lived with her own family in NC Commons Families. Then Amalia's son, Antonio, brought his new bride, Evelyn Lopez, from Down Neck to live in his mother's house. Later their children, Jeraida and Antonio, Jr. were born. Years passed, and Amalia moved to NC Gardens Senior. The younger Santiagos, now married for eight years, stayed on at 15th Ave. for awhile. Three months ago they moved around the corner to Bruce Street.

At the beginning of this summer, Antonio, Sr. began making Sno-Cones, to the delight of his new neighbors, in delicious flavors, beautiful colors, and best of all, on a hot day, ice cold — just like in North Newark. These sweet treats made such a hit that word got around to the menu planners for New Community's First Annual Families Picnic. Antonio, Sr. did not need much encouragement to volunteer his services for the big day. In fact, he responded with enthusiasm, even though he had given up the Sno-Cone business.

The Santiagos went on an outing the day before the picnic, but it was a far cry from their usual summer trips to beaches, parks, Indian Trails, carnivals and festivals, or fishing. First stop was the syrup store on Sussex Avenue. Here two flavors had to be chosen from a wide array. Each one received serious deliberation by all

four Santiagos. Finally, strawberry and blue raspberry were chosen.

On they went, to the ice house on Avon Avenue, where Antonio, Sr. haggled for a block perfectly suited to Sno-Cone shaving.

Last stop was NC Extended Care, whose accommodating Food Service Director, Bernice Steed, had agreed to let picnic provisions take priority for a while in her big freezer.

Back home again, two little picknickers fell asleep with visions of hula-hoops and Lake Hopatcong dancing in their heads, while Mama and Papa brought out the old family recipe to prepare the syrup, then set out their equipment. All was in readiness.

All four were up bright and early on

picnic day, and boarded the first bus out to the lake. As soon as the ice arrived, Antonio went to work, supervised by Evelyn.

Although Antonio, Sr. estimates that he made 150 Sno-Cones that day, the picnic certainly was not all work and no play for this active family. They fished, played basketball, walked over to the beach at Lake Hopatcong State Park and "went in the water." "got wet," (those water balloon fights were wicked) and "ate 'til we dropped!"

The Santiago Family enjoyed themselves at the Families Picnic, and their neighbors were able to enjoy Sno-Cones that day because of them. Thanks for making our day!



They've got family values. The Santiago Family 1992.

25 Anniversary Celebration Begins

September 1992 marks the beginning of NCC's Jubilee Year, a time of giving thanks for 25 years of community development.

Celebrations of a spiritual, social or educational nature are being planned for every month.

In September you are invited to: Sept. 13th - A Spiritual Revival... St. Joseph Plaza/Bethany Baptist Church.

Sept. 18th - Fish Fry By The Families Advisory Board/Entertainment... NC Associates & Environs.

Sept. 19th - Gala Parade & Street Fair... South Orange/Bruce Street area.

Twenty-five (25) years of solid accomplishment is a wonderful thing. The best way to celebrate is to make sure it will continue. Those among us who are young children and babies now, will be the ones to accomplish this.

In our first month of Jubilee Celebrations we want to feature NCC's youth in the Sept. 19th parade. NCC Social Services is organizing a "Baby Parade" segment for that event featuring our babies, toddlers, children and young people who will walk, ride, skate, dance, etc. behind banners saying, "NCC... the next 25 years."

We need your help to make this the best part of the parade. If you are interested, please call Sister Mary Ellen at 623-6114.

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Summer Enrichment's Got The Spirit

For the many children enrolled in the Babyland Summer Enrichment Program, Friday, September 14th, started out much like every other Friday this summer...Field Trip Day!! There was a special air of excitement, though, because this day was different from the others. The children were dressed in their Sunday best and were headed for a luncheon onboard the "Spirit of New Jersey."

As Program Supervisor Gayle Chaneyfield counted tickets and counted heads, the excited children ranging in age from 6 to 14, boarded the bus driven by Counselor "Miss Susan" Howard. "Miss Susan" has been behind the wheel for many trips this summer, such as WWOR-TV in Secaucus, Neil's New Yorker in Mountain Lakes, Liberty State Park, and the African Art Museum in Tenafly, where she also served as an excellent tour guide.

When the group arrived at the pier in Weehawken, they were quickly guided from the bus to the awaiting boat, assisted by Counselors "Mister Arthur" Gilmore and "Miss Mattie" Morris, who was dressed in a lovely peach colored ensemble. "Miss Alicia" Works helped the beautifully dressed children find their seats on the lower deck of the boat. All the passengers then toasted "Bon Voyage" (soda, of course), threw their colored streamers in the air and embarked on a two-hour Hudson River harbor cruise.

While everyone dined on baked chicken, wild rice and pasta with sundried tomatoes, several points of in-

terest were pointed out by the ship's captain, like the Colgate clock with the minute hand that measures 27 feet



(Clockwise from the top) Jack and "Miss Stephanie" cut the rug; "Miss Susan" and her handsome charges prepare for a delicious lunch; Julie does the singing, but our girls provide the dancing; and four very mature ladies toast each other as they embark on their cruise.

long! Also while dining, many of the ship's passengers came up to our group and commented on how beautifully behaved the children were. One woman asked if they were from a school for gifted children!

Our waiter, Jack, and the other staff kept things lively by interjecting songs throughout the meal. Their big finale entitled "Broadway Express" featured numerous Broadway show tunes. During his solo, Jack pulled Counselor "Miss Stephanie" Covington from the crowd to dance with him as the children squealed with delight.

The best was yet to come. When our

waitress, Julie, asked if anyone wanted to come forward and dance with her while she sang, she was besieged with the raised hands of our eager troop. What she didn't realize was that the girls had been practicing a group dance for weeks in preparation for a Fashion and Talent Show to be held later that night. So, to the delight of passengers and crew alike, the girls improvised their "Fame" dance to the Bonnie Raitt song that Julie was singing. A fitting finale for a grand day.

No doubt that these memories will live on in the hearts and minds of all who caught the "Spirit."



St. Rose School Staff Training

The responsibility of an alternative school like St. Rose of Lima creates a sense of urgency as administrators and teachers gather for each school year. There is an opportunity to touch many lives which is not taken lightly.

The training sessions held each August provide intensive "how to" training for both administrators and teachers in implementing a continuous process of school improvement.

Over the past few years Saint Rose has participated in staff development encouraging collective growth as well as individual growth. Since it seems unrealistic to expect immediate implementation of change after a one-time workshop without follow-up sessions as well as coaching sessions, we are now pursuing several strategies to provide follow-up assistance; such as grade-level participation in

workshops, on-going on-site training, peer coaching, collegial support teams (parents and teachers), and possible audio/video taping of teachers. We believe follow-up strategies provide necessary feedback to individuals and thus increase their ability to change.

The 1992-1993 academic year will focus in on the following in-service training via lectures, reading materials, and discussions: critical thinking skills; cooperative learning; whole language; effective teaching; and parent leadership. Workshops offered to staff members in August and first week of September included: Managing the Co-operative Classroom; Dignified Discipline; Psychological Development of the Black Child; Team Building; and Creative Problem Solving.

What a joy to be able to help a child define his/her future!

A Famine Not For Bread:

A Thirst Not For Water

"Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God."

Matthew 4:4

Where there is a scarcity of a substance it is reasonable that one would or should be concerned about replenishment. There is little sense of right and wrong or to be judgmental; each one has his own set of values and decides what is right or wrong, and as there is little sense of blame for consequences of one's acts so there is little or no sense of guilt. The alarming emphasis upon materialism, the disastrous concern with self-gratification, the devaluation of true values, the distortion of moral laws, relegate humanity to flounder directionless. Although man is successful in modern technology he is penurious in compassionate application of spiritual values. His false values in destroying outer things destroys inner things as well, and this senseless destruction, multiplying upon itself, is a cancer which occasions our suffering taking many forms with complex causes.

Reginald M. Clark in his *Family Life and School Achievement* dispelled the

myths about the limitation of family structure or income on children's achievement. He discovered that "school problems had more to do with the character of family culture than the presence of working mothers, broken homes, poverty, racial or ethnic background, or poorly educated parents." Family culture embodies the residency of the "Word of God" ever-abiding within it. The majority of youth do not regularly receive religious education, and are ignorant of true spiritual values. Exposed to "amoral" values, accepting them as the norm and emulating them, youth are disconnected from a meaningful productive life, are morally malnourished, spiritually starving and dehydrating. Much of what are referred to as problems are manifestations of the void created by the failure to acquire knowledge of the "Word of God," and to apply spiritual values to every phase of life.

Without knowledge of and application of the "Word of God," there persists a moral and spiritual famine, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water.

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